

## **FO-218.06**

### **GEAR RESTRICTIONS FOR FISHING**

Under the authority of sections 41101 through 41105 of Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, being sections 324.41101 through 324.41105 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources on October 6, 2005, ordered that:

**A)** In all waters of the State it shall be unlawful to:

1. Have a weight permanently and/or rigidly attached to a multi-pointed hook; or
2. Have a weight suspended from a multi-pointed hook; or
3. Retain any fish not hooked in the mouth; or
4. Fail to immediately return to the water a fish not hooked in the mouth.

**B)** On all streams, including tributaries to the Great Lakes except for the St. Marys, St. Clair and Detroit Rivers, it shall be unlawful to use the following gear during the period August 1 – May 31:

1. Multi-pointed hooks exceeding 3/8 inch between point and shank and/or single pointed hooks exceeding 1/2 inch between point and shank; or
2. Lures exceeding one ounce in weight.

The intent of this regulation is to allow the baited hook or the lure to suspend freely in the water, allowing the fish to take the hook or lure in its mouth.

**C)** In a river, stream, and drowned river mouth lake\* it shall be unlawful to:

1. Have a weight suspended below any hook unless the hook is on an un-weighted line which is at least 3 inches long.

\*Drowned river mouth lakes listed by county: **Allegan:** Kalamazoo River and Silver Lake; **Benzie:** Betsie Lake; **Manistee:** Arcadia Lake, Manistee Lake, and Portage Lake; **Mason:** Pere Marquette Lake; **Muskegon:** Duck Lake, Mona Lake, Muskegon Lake, and White Lake; **Oceana:** Pentwater Lake, Silver Lake, and Stony Lake; **Ottawa:** Macatawa Lake and Pigeon Lake.

This order is assigned number FO-218.06 and is titled “Gear Restrictions for Fishing”.

This order rescinds the order entitled “Gear Restrictions for Fishing” effective September 29, 2002, and assigned number FO-218.02A.

This order shall take effect on April 1, 2006, and shall remain effective through March 31, 2011.